के लिए केवल नाम मात्र का माल मिला था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) उत्तर रेलवे को इस कारण कितना घाटा उठाना पड़ा है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

दक्षिण रेलवे का अलाभकारी प्रचालन

16. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दक्षिण रेलवे में अनेक रेलगाड़ियां ऐसी चल रही हैं जिनका चलना आर्थिक दृष्टि से लाभप्रद नहीं हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ऐसी रेलगाड़ियों को बन्द करने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उन्हें कब तक बन्द कर दिया जाएगा ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) से (ग) गाड़ियों के परिचालन की लाभप्रदता का आकलन गाड़ी-वार नहीं किया जाता है ।

Scarcity of Fodder

17. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is chronic scarcity of fodder for cattle in the country;

(b) the role of the Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi in boosting production of cattle fodder; and

(c) the other steps taken so far or being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) The Fodder Production in the country is insufficient to meet the fodder requirement of the livestock.

(b) To boost Fodder Production Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi is engaged in research on development of high yielding varieties of fodder crops and production technology for different agroclimatic regions of the country. It is also working on conservation of forage germplasm, soil and water conservation and production of nucleus and breeder seeds of fodder crops/grasses. To strengthen the research programme on forage crops a project on all India Co-ordinated research programme was launched in 1970. The project established 16 centres in different States for the production of breeder seeds so that good quality seed is made available to the farmers.

(c) The steps taken or being taken for fodder productions are:—

1. *Central Schemes*

(i) Regional Stations for Forage Production & Demonstration;

(ii) Central Fodder Seed Production Farm, Hessarghatta;

(iii) Technology transfer on Fodder Production and Popularisations of high yielding fodder varieties through Minikit Testing Programme.

2. *Centrally Sponsored Schemes*

(i) Strengthening of Fodder Seed Farms for production of certified seeds and strengthening of infra-